



Docket No.: 0179581

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: : Date: February 14, 2004  
ALLEN et al. : Confirmation No.: 7738  
Serial No.: 09/847,446 : Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: May 2, 2001 : Examiner: Brian E. Glessner

For: STEEL FRAME STRESS REDUCTION CONNECTION

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

**RESPONSE TO ACCOMPANY PETITION TO REVIVE  
UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

OK TO ENTER  
UPON REVIVAL  
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### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 10, 2004 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter, which are submitted as a full and complete response to the aforementioned Advisory Action.

Claims 1-4, 6-31, and 34-44 remain in the subject patent application. Claim 31 has been amended and claims 32 and 33 have been canceled herein. Claim 5 was canceled in an earlier communication.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Upon the granting of the accompanying petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned patent application, and in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims should be allowed, and respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued.

All fees believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper are submitted herewith. However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 02-4467.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants invite Examiner Glessner to call the undersigned attorney at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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